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The Imams Of Guidance

"This knowledge is passed on every decade to the righteous, with which they banish the claims of the invalidators, and the explanations of the ignorant, and the deviations of the exaggerators". With this prophetic text, the role of the keepers of the religion is known. Carrying this religion is not just about mere science. and the goal of knowledge is not to just be known, but to be applied and followed, and so benefit can be achieved.

Those divine commands in the Qur'an will not become apparent until people apply them, for this religion is a religion of action. Allah said: "Say, 'Act. Allah will see your actions, and so will His Messenger, and the believers'". That is why Allah hates who speaks and does not apply. Allah said: "O you who believe! Why do you say what you do not do? It is most hateful to Allah that you say what you do not do" (As-Saff: 3-2). Abbad bin Abbad al-Khawas ash-Shami said: "The book does not speak until it is spoken with, and the Sunnah does not work until it is applied ... and he said: 'Take what We have given you strongly,' meaning to apply what is in it, and not only claim Sunnah with your words without your deeds, as claiming to follow Sunnah without applying it is lying and wasting knowledge". (Sunnan ad-Darmi)

Applying Allah's Shari'ah can only be with men who are standing by it and fighting for its sake so it is established with honor and sovereignty. If Islam does not have a state, then neither Islam nor its rules will have any status or authority. This is the guidance of the Prophet ﷺ and his Sahabah, and that is the understanding of the shaykhs of the Islamic State, who did not settle for studying the Qur'an and its sciences and decided to spread the Qur'an's rulings between the people, and so they rode the horses of honor to revive their wounded Ummah.

They are the ones who took the Book of Allah strongly and submitted fully to Him, and one man among them is like an Ummah not just a thousand. Truly, the Ummah could not have established the Khilafah except on their strong backs, which carried the weights that the massive mountains could not.

Shaykh Abu Mus'ab az-Zarqawi (may Allah accept him) put the first brick for the Islamic State, and gathered the mujahidin on the doctrine of Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jama'a, and around him were the shaykhs of honesty and amirs of patience.

Then Shaykh Abu Umar al-Baghdadi and Abu Hamza al-Muhajir (may Allah accept them) established the State of Islam with its ministries and authorities, and Shari'ah ruled in their days, until the State became displaced after the fitnah of the Sahawat of ridda.

Then came the breaker of barriers, Shaykh Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi Ibrahim bin 'Awad al-Badri (may Allah accept him), who was a full moon for his Ummah. When he took the command of the Islamic State in Iraq, it was one of the hardest times where an Amir can take command, a time of hardships which can only be endured by the best of people of determination, and he was the best captain for the ship of jihad in the land of Rafidayn. He depended on Allah and eliminated the sources of trouble, and repelled adversities, and continued with his obeying soldiers the jihad against the kuffar.

Then the matter expanded to Sham, where there were invalidating hyenas who wished to claim jihad and deviate its purposes, and who never applied Allah's Shari'ah when they took control and never intended to, so they left it for the constitutional judges and their lawyers.

While Allah enabled Shaykh al-Baghdadi to keep for this Ummah its religion and sacrifices, by applying Allah's Shari'ah in every inch he controlled, until the home of Islam expanded, then the Shaykh declared it loud and clear in spite of the noses of the tawaghit of east and west, a "Khilafah on the prophetic method". While it was a very dangerous and expensive step for him and his soldiers and the masses, it was a great example to be set for the renewers of Islam, who remained straight for their Lord, they put their reliance in Allah. Then the heroes of Islam flocked from all over the earth, old and young, Arabs and non-Arabs, individuals and in groups, and the path was paved for the seekers of martyrdom for the sake of Allah, and a fog in the minds which been there for years dissipated.

It is a step which shook all the leaders who felt they might lose their positions and benefits, not just by supporting Shaykh al-Baghdadi! but even if they kept quiet, they will suffer disturbance from the nations of kufr and the blame of scum. So how could they then reach his position or even the bottom of his foot!

Shaykh al-Baghdadi (may Allah accept him) established the rulings of the Islamic religion - as we think of him - even those that were absent for years and were only mentioned in old volumes and on shelves like al-Qasama and servitude and collecting tributes, which many people believed are not from the religion, and many others claimed that their time is over.

Meanwhile, the seducers who did control some land could not stop the callers to atheism or remove the appearances of shirk or prevent the people of Rafd from stabbing at the Mothers of the bBlievers and the Sahabah of the best of Prophets (may Allah be pleased with them). They did not even establish tawhid and its explicit milestones, not to mention make the people follow the rulings of this religion which they do not know or are familiar with.

Shaykh al-Baghdadi and the men of Islam around him also kept for the Muslims their money from forgery and cheating, and so he ordered - may Allah accept him - to forge the golden currency so the people of Islam are honored and their belongings and rights are protected in their life, and so Muslims do not rely on the nations of the cross and thus take away their religion with agreements and signatures.

Shaykh al-Baghdadi (may Allah accept him) went through a war that never happened before in history, where he was on one side and whole world was against him on the other side, and he only incited more for the believers to fight, and sent out more knights among the grandchildren of Muhammad ibn Maslamah and Abd-Allah ibn Anis (may Allah be pleased with them) so they would conquer the nations of kufr in midst of their homes as a penalty for their crimes against the Ummah of Islam.

He taught the Ummah a lesson in jurisprudence and slavery to Allah and following His commands in every condition, the day he said: "Allah commanded us with jihad and not victory". So he would clarify for the Ummah a great meaning, which is to worship Allah with jihad, as it is a worship, without putting conditions or demanding results from Allah.

The shaykhs and amirs of the State of Khilafah - may Allah grant it glory - had a grace - after Allah - in protecting the righteous path from being plagiarized by the invalidators with their flattery or deals or their treaties of disappointment, or being deviated by the ignorant embellishers, so the blood of the sincere children of this Ummah is not lost.

We believe them to be among those who were addressed by the saying of the Prophet ﷺ: Allah elevates with this Book the people and puts down others." So they were elevated in the lights of glory and made imams of guidance and lamps for the night.

Shaykh al-Baghdadi went on and delivered the flag to the Mujahid Shaykh, Amir-ul-Mumineen Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurashi (may Allah protect him), so the Ummah would remain lighting beacons of honesty and sincerity, protecting the religion and keeping the jihad going by their hands, following the steps of the righteous Caliphs)may Allah be pleased with them). Abu Bakr as-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him), when his end was near, he advised al-Faruq Umar Ibn al-Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him) to incite the people to go on conquest with al-Muthanna ibn Harithah, saying to him: "Listen Umar to what I tell you, then do it. I am hoping to die this day. If I did do not let the sun go down before sending the people with al-Muthanna, do not be distracted by any calamity from the commands of your religion and the orders of your Lord. You have seen what I did when the Prophet of Allah passed away, and no calamity is bigger than that".

With leaders like these Caliphs, the Ummah of Islam holds its position and explodes the energy of its children in the east and west of the earth to make the word of Allah the highest, walking on the path of glory and sacrifice for the religion of Allah, may Allah reward them for their Ummah with the best of rewards. And all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation.